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FUR FLIES AT WASHINGTON

President Has Fighting Blood Up and Intends to Scrap to a Finish.

THE POLITICIANS ARE LIVELY

No Patronage for Insurgents Is One Thing That May Bring Peace.

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WASHINGTON, January 12.—The war in war clothes have the center of the political arena. Rumors of combat are thick and fast. Washington focuses party attention because the forces that champion divergent views are trying and promise to make a high old winter of it.

Nowadays there is little talk of right and wrong than Ballinger and Pinchot. They are fond of telling one another every morning how Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot wrote a letter to Senator J. P. Dilliver, of Iowa, which Dilliver read to the senate, how the letter breathed with insubordination, reflected upon the President's decision in exonerating Ballinger and justified O. W. Pine, assistant forester, and A. C. Star, bureau attorney, for aiding and abetting the publicity campaign against Secretary Ballinger. Every morning in the bustling places of the Capitol men are telling one another anew how the President held three cabinet meetings last week, reluctantly threw Forester Pinchot out of office, making public a letter explaining why, and how the battle is raging at the Capitol over the makeup of the Ballinger-Pinchot joint investigating committee.

There are many observant men who are careful to let no detail of the momentous transactions of recent days escape them. Such events, that stand out in the chronicle of Washington affairs, set men to talking as nothing else can. The senate and house committee rooms buzz with comments. The White House offices buzz with comment. The departments crane for the latest and most incisive developments.

Leaders Sit Steady.

The wise old leaders, however, are sitting steady and holding tight. When Washington is thrilled by events like these, there are earnest souls who rush forth with feverish comments about a crisis being at hand and emphasize the dangers of the party going to the bowwows. They have had a better chance than ever because a handful of insurgents and the Democrats of the house happened to combine the very day that Pinchot was fired and, by majority of three, modified the provisions for the choice of the six members of the joint committee to investigate Ballinger and the interior department.

President Firm.

The President is putting his hand to the helm. He will not waver. He has announced his legislative program in a special message, he proposes to drive straight ahead. The doleful compromises about the conditions of the party when he was triumphantly elected and inaugurated and now and then the lugubrious comparisons between Harrison in the middle of his administration and between Republican administrations that are prevalent now do not discourage the big man in the White House. He tried as no President before to patch up a peace between the warring Ballinger and the warring Pinchot. The quarrel was blown to an issue and when the fateful moment came the President assumed responsibility. He proposes to drive straight ahead.

He makes no secret of his decision that the investigation must be held and held through, even though ex Forester Pinchot, now outside the government service, takes up the role of chief prosecutor and even though his own secretaries and even though his own secretaries should be discredited. No one thinks for a minute he will be, but the President is not looking at that prospect. He wants all the facts brought out for the information of the country. He has been so directed every step yet taken in this case. He has even gone to the trouble of scrutinizing the names of the men for service on the committee from the senate and the house, and has selected at known ability and fair fame who would command the confidence of the country.

Fighting Blood Up.

The fighting blood is up. Now that the insurgents and the ultra Rooseveltians have forced the administration to make a winter of political turmoil, the President proposes that they shall have all of it. He proffered peace, but he put forth his best efforts to bring about party harmony. Now he has the open and stand by the administration. Repeatedly in recent days he has reiterated to visitors that the President designated him as President at least the titular head of the administration. He imposed upon him responsibilities. Republicans holding office

HIS FIGHTING BLOOD UP.



PRESIDENT TAFT.

are naturally expected to stand by him and help execute the people's mandate.

Loyalty Must Prevail.

Men elected as Republicans or appointed to office under his administration, who work actively against him, ought to show confidence in him and in the party. If they proceed otherwise, they can not expect his favor. By that line of reasoning he has justified punitive measures against the rank-and-file insurgents of senate and house who are raising the standard of revolt against him. He will not nominate postmasters that are endorsed by such insurgents, because some most flagrant cases of disrespect for the President have been brought to his attention. Some of the insurgents have been more vituperative of the President than Democrats have been. They openly assail him, while still proclaiming their orthodoxy. They encourage their constituents in such doings and even presume to endorse for postmasters and other federal offices men who will further with heart and soul the anti Taft propaganda.

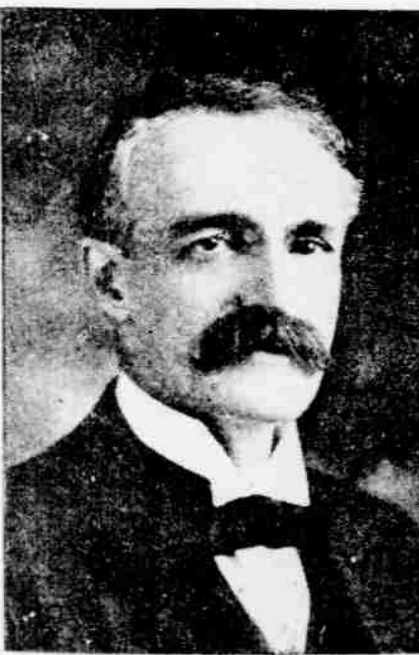
Fight to a Finish.

The President thinks it is now a good time to fight to a finish this battle inside the Republican ranks. He expects there will be a decisive victory long before the congressional elections are held in November and that the vanquished insurgents will then be in a frame of mind to turn right about and join in the onward movement against the Democracy. Militant action often stirs the Republican party to its greatest virility. The President has faith that it will be so in the present instance.

A great educational campaign has been given impetus from the party leaders in Washington and it is to be presented vigorously from this time on. As the country has opportunity to see what he and his administration really stand for, the President believes that the ranks of the insurgents will rapidly thin out. Republicans East and West applaud a President who dares to risk a combat. There is no disguising that Taft is now in warrior role.

Committee in Line.

The Republican congressional committee, in charge of the next campaign, has fallen in promptly behind



GIFFORD PINCHOT.

the President. Its officers, taking the sign from the President, have issued their proclamation of party regularity and instituted proceedings to ascertain who is who. They will allow no quarter to insurgentism. A band of Western malcontents will not be allowed to rule the Republican party. If they want to accept the doctrine of secession will and good. But they will not be permitted to appeal to the voters as Republicans with any acquiescence in their action from Washington. They must push their camp outside the Republican enclosure.

Shaving the Issues.

With such clear-cut pronouncements ringing forth, one can easily imagine what the next few days will be. The issues of the campaign are to be shaped up in Washington. Senators and representatives must take their positions for or against. It will be disastrous times for shapshooters. There will be debates of moment in which the orators will force the arguments. There will be votes in senate and house as tests of the position and the records so made, with the reasoning therefor, will be served before the public. The President and his friends in congress say such a campaign has been made imperative. No course could be open to them, which the result they are cordially

OPPOSITION TO DOLE'S SCHEME

The Proposal to Use Portion of Thomas Square for Athletics Is Attacked.

PROMINENT CITIZENS QUOTED

Governor Cleghorn Reviews History of the Park and States Objections.

As yet, on the proposal to set aside a portion of Thomas Square as an athletic field for the students of McKinley High School, the "noes" have it. No one has come out in advocacy of the suggestion of Judge Dole, while many are open in their opposition.

Governor Cleghorn, who practically made Thomas Square the beauty spot of the city, heads the opposition.

"If, as is stated in The Advertiser, Judge Dole approves of the use of Thomas Square as an athletic field, I must say that I take exception to the proposal," said the Governor on Saturday.

"I am very much surprised that the suggestion that the park should be used as a building site for the new library should be followed by a suggestion to clear it off as an athletic field. Thomas Square is one of the few beauty spots and historical places left in the city, and if you refer to the last edition of Tarum's Annual you will find an article by myself on Honolulu parks that gives the historical data I would (Continued from Page Thirteen.)

willing to force the fighting, now that the insurgent war is on in earnest.

Memorable Friday.

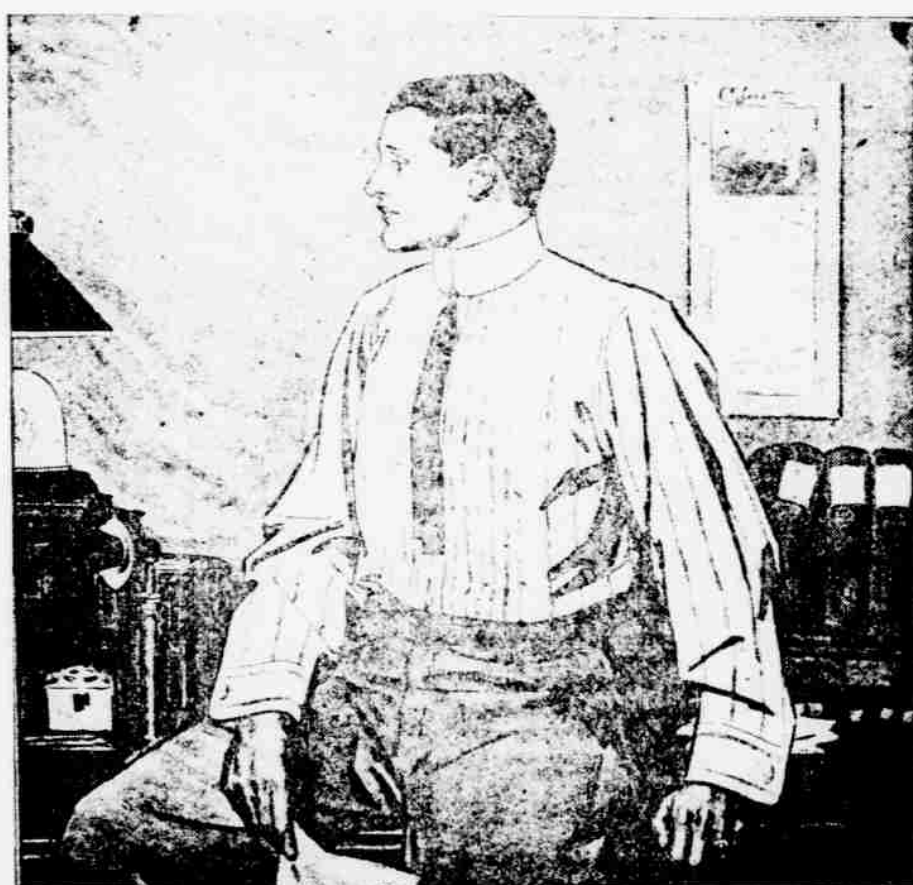
Nevertheless it will be known as a memorable Friday, all through this winter and, perhaps, for many winters to come—that Friday when President Taft and his cabinet threw Forester Pinchot out of office and the Democrats and Republican insurgents of the house overthrew your Uncle Joseph Cannon. It was not a black Friday, such as the financiers and stockholders remember and fear, but a red letter Friday, at least to the politicians and others who feared Washington was becoming stale and might not be an interesting place of residence because of the prevalent dullness.

The events of that Friday, January 7, were like claps out of the clear sky. They demonstrated how, with all the shrewd planning of the leaders, programs can not always be definitely arranged even under a staid and steady Republican administration. No one expected the insurgents and the Democrats were likely to make a winning combination. Least of all did any one dream that two such men as Representative Butler Ames, of Massachusetts—son of ex-Senator and Gen. Adelbert Ames and grandson of old Ben Butler—and Representative Hamilton Fish, likewise the son of a famous family, would turn the trick which makes for the discomfiture of the President and of the speaker more than any other happening of the administration. Both have been old line Republicans, with no taint of insurgentism, but both are warm personal friends of Pinchot and wanted the investigating committee made up of men who would give Pinchot a square deal.

No one thought, as Congress came together again, that President Taft and his cabinet would for a moment have occasion to eliminate the chief forester. And they would not have thought of such action with all its attendant embarrassments, but for the part letter which Chief Pinchot wrote to Senator Dilliver.

Changed Aspect.

Those two incidents, however, have changed the aspect of things in Washington. They have made a big dent in political calculations. In short, they have made what Washington calls a "situation." There is a "situation" in Washington every season, and sometimes two or three situations, as big fights and issues take shape. But there has been no such situation as now prevails for a long, long time. There has been nothing that approaches it since the days of the second Cleveland administration. It is too early yet to say whether the Republican party is to be threatened with a factionalism such as men the Democracy in those memorable Cleveland days. It is already apparent that the factional fight in the house will be every whit as fierce as it was in the house during the 53d congress. Just how serious a problem the President is facing can not be told. Much depends upon Pinchot and upon the ardent Rooseveltians, who have been waiting for just such a contingency. If the Republican insurgents of the house, enraged by the President's decision to withhold patronage from them, until they become good and support the legislation he recommends, are sufficiently numerous to make a winning combination with the Democrats right along, they can seriously embarrass the President and Speaker Cannon. The prospects seem to be that such a winning combination can not be formed, except on special occasions. A number of the insurgents have deserted. Conditions were particularly favorable last Friday for a combination.



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